Sanctions the recommendation of the Director of Agriculture to give effect from 1st July 1939 to the Goat Breeding Scheme, sanctioned in Government Order No. D. 8573-82—L. & A. 48-35-3, dated 8—10th June 1937.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 8573-82—L. & A. 48-35-3, dated 8—10th June 1937, approving the goat breeding scheme submitted by the Director of Agriculture.

2. Government Order No. D. 5130-31—L. & A. 17-37-4, dated 18—19th January 1938, approving *inter alia* the Director's suggestion to defer, for the present, the goat breeding scheme referred to in the Government order read above.

3. Letter No. Fl. 129-1730—38-39, dated 25th March 1939, from the Director of Agriculture, recommending, in the circumstances stated, sanction (i) to give effect to the goat breeding scheme sanctioned in the Government order dated 8–10th June 1937, read above, from 1st July 1939, and (ii) to provide a sum of Rs. 3,725 as detailed in the margin and in the Government order dated 8—10th June 1937, in the next year's budget of the Live-Stock Section.

	Rs.
Initial and non-recurring expenditure ...	2,765
Recurring expenditure per annum ...	960
Total ...	3,725

ORDER NO. D. 9176-86—A. H. 135-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 17—24TH APRIL 1939.

Government are pleased to sanction the recommendations of the Director of Agriculture.

2. A provision of Rs. 3,725 therefor will be made in the budget of the Live-Stock Section for 1939-40.

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

Issues the Rules for regulating Water Supply in the Hoskote Minor Municipality.

READ—

Letter No. C. 2. 3262—38-39, dated 28th February 1939, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, forwarding for sanction, the draft Water Supply Rules framed by the Hoskote Minor Municipal Council.

2. Un-official Note No. 1507-4, dated 3rd April 1939, from the Director of Public Health in Mysore.

ORDER NO. L. 8656-9—ML. 70-38-109, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH APRIL 1939.

Government are pleased to issue, under Section 106 (2) (i) and (3) of the Minor Municipalities Act, 1933, the accompanying rules for regulating the supply and distribution, etc., of water within the limits of the Hoskote Minor Municipality, Bangalore District.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.

RULES.

1. No person shall (*a*) remove, break, injure or open any cock, lock valve, pipe work or engine belonging to or under the control of the Hoskote Minor Municipality in connection with the water-supply; or

(*b*) flush or draw off any water in or derived from any such water work or do any act whereby the water in any pipe or water work is likely to be wasted or contaminated; or

(*c*) obstruct, divert or in any way injure or alter any water main, submain or duct.

2. The water supplied by the Municipal Council is intended primarily for domestic use and therefore water from any public stand post, or tap shall not be taken for garden, irrigation, building purposes or for other non-domestic purposes. In the latter case, the previous sanction of the President or Vice-President should be obtained in writing on such payment and under such conditions as may be settled by the Municipal Council, provided that the use of water from the public taps for non-domestic purposes mentioned therein shall not be permitted unless there is sufficient supply of water at the tank or source.

3. No person shall bathe or wash an animal, vehicle, clothes or utensils at any public stand posts or taps which are specially set apart for such purposes.

4. No person shall do anything to damage or disfigure the stand posts or platforms or to obstruct the free flow of water from the platform.

5. No person shall water any animal at any public stand pipe or cistern, except at places prescribed by the Municipal Council for the purpose by notice posted thereat.

6. In cases of emergency, the President or Vice-President or his authorised agent may, at any time, with previous public notice by beat of "tom tom" stop the supply of water, if it appears to be unfit for use by the public.

7. The President or Vice-President or his authorised agent in writing shall have power to stop or reduce the supply in any public main or sub-main for repairs or renewals without any notice. But when such stoppage is over on extensive area or is due to exigencies which can be foreseen, such previous notice as is possible under the circumstances will be given by general "tom tom."

8. Applications for house connections from the public mains or sub-mains are to be made in the prescribed form with the necessary plans and estimate to the President or Vice-President who, in consultation with the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, is authorised to comply with such requisitions by owners of property who are required to lodge with him or his agent the cost of the attachment as specified below:—

½" attachment	...	Re. 1-0-0
¾" attachment	...	Rs. 1-8-0

After the house connection estimate is sanctioned, the rest of the transaction will be entirely between the owner and the plumber and the Municipal Council will not interfere in the matter of settlement of claims, etc., between the owner and the consumer.

9. Private house service connections will be limited to houses paying a house or shop tax of not less than Rs. 5 a year in localities where a supply can be given without detriment to street service, provided there are facilities to make proper arrangements for draining off the waste water to the municipal drains.

10. The number of taps to be given to any dwelling house will be limited to a maximum of three.

For houses taking ½" connection, a monthly fee of Re. 1 each and those taking ¾" connection Rs. 1-8-0 each will be charged.

Non-domestic connection will be charged for all water drawn at eight annas per thousand gallons.

11. The Municipal Council, in consultation with the Water Works Department (Bureau of Sanitary Engineering), may give connections to factories, firms and railways on any other non-domestic purposes if the entire cost of the pipe line

together with the cost of the meter is borne by such factory, firm or railway, provided such water connection does not interfere with the normal supply of water required for the Municipal Area.

12. For every connection given for non-domestic purposes such as Garden, Factories, Presses, etc., there shall be provided at the consumer's cost and maintained in due working order, a water meter for gauging the water consumed.

The word " Garden " does not include the garden in the compound of dwelling houses.

13. For all connections where a water meter is fixed, a charge of four annas per month shall be levied as the rent for the meter in addition to whatsoever charge may be due for the water consumed, provided that, for the periods when the meter is out of order, no rent shall be charged.

14. If the owners or occupiers of such houses or property, are to vacate or abandon such houses or property either temporarily or permanently, the responsibility of informing in writing to the President or Vice-President shall rest upon such owners or occupiers before the 5th of every month, signifying their intention not to use the water till they re-occupy the house or property and upon such application, the President or Vice-President shall arrange to cut off the water connection. In the case of houses or property remaining temporarily vacant for more than a month and a half, the usual meter rate will be charged, but in the case of such temporary vacancy for a month, no reduction shall be made nor refund of amount granted.

15. Service pipes to private properties shall be laid by plumbers duly licensed by the Municipal Council on approved plans and estimates and specifications under conditions and rules sanctioned by the Municipal Council.

The final connection between the private service pipes and public water mains shall not be allowed until the work is inspected and passed by the President or Vice-President or his authorised agent.

(*a*) No alteration or extension or private connections shall be allowed without previously obtaining the sanction of the Municipal Council and such works shall be carried out only by licensed plumbers.

(*b*) Repairs may, however, be carried out by the owners or occupiers of property after giving intimation to the President or Vice-President in writing of the nature of repairs to be done, the work being entrusted to the licensed plumbers only.

16. The water rate and meter rent or any other charges due under these rules shall be collected or caused to be collected by the President or Vice-President or his authorised agent every month in advance from the owners or occupiers of such houses or property. The owners or occupiers of such houses or property shall be solely responsible for the payment of all charges or rate or rent and all such dues shall be collected as a municipal demand and shall be subject to the same conditions as are provided in the Minor Municipalities Act, 1933, or the taxation rules framed thereunder, provided that the bill shall be served or presented to the owners or occupiers liable to such water rate, meter rent or other charges only once and for the first time and the Municipal Council shall not be bound to serve such bills at the beginning of every month unless there be an alteration or enhancement or reduction as the case may be, in which case, a separate bill shall be presented or served.

(*a*) The Municipal Council may receive payment from the agent or occupier.

(*b*) In order to facilitate the adjustment of accounts between the owner of a house or property and his tenant or occupier, the President or the Vice-President shall, when required in writing, furnish a memorandum showing the consumption and probable charges on account of water rate and meter rent for any broken period of the month since the preparation of last bill in his office.

17. Arrangements will be made to read the meter as far as possible within the 5th of every month. The meter reader will leave, with any available person in the house, a slip showing the consumption of water during the preceding month.

In calculating the charges under the clause of metering, the quantity of 500 gallons and below shall not be charged but when it is over 500 gallons, it shall be charged for as if it were 1,000 gallons.

18. All complaints regarding the accuracy of reading or non-receipt of slips referred to in Rule 17, should be made in writing to the President or Vice-President within the 10th of every month concerned, after which no complaints will be entertained.

19. Any owner or occupier of a house or property having a water connection, who may suspect or dispute the accuracy of the measurements indicated by water meter, may apply to the President or Vice-President and have the meter tested on payment of a fee of rupee one per test. If, on actual test, the quantity registered by the meter exceeds 10 per cent of the correct quantity, the fee will be refunded to the party concerned. Otherwise it will be credited to the Municipal Funds.

20. The Municipal Council reserves to itself the right to test any meter for its own satisfaction at any time. Due notice shall, however, be given to the owner or occupier of the house or property concerned.

21. If, on examination, any meter is found to be out of order and consequently not registering correctly, the consumption during the period, since the last reading till the meter is repaired or a new meter is attached, shall be calculated at the average daily consumption of the last registered period during which, in the opinion of the President or Vice-President, the meter was registering correctly and the consumption of water was not for any reason abnormal.

22. The President or Vice-President or his authorised agent may, at all reasonable times and with the permission of the owner or occupier, if permission be refused, after giving six hours' notice, enter any premises in which there is a water connection in order to inspect and examine or repair the same.

23. The President or Vice-President or his authorised agent shall have the power to cut off connection between the private pipes and the public main in any of the following cases :—

(*a*) In default of payment of the water rates and other charges due under the rules, if on any bill presented on account of repairs to meters under rule above, within 5 days after the same shall have been demanded in writing or presented.

(*b*) If any house owner or occupier who is supplied with water shall use or permit the use of water for purposes in violation of the conditions on which the connection is granted, provided that 5 days previous notice is given in writing.

(*c*) In cases of leakage of pipes or other defects in the private service, likely to cause loss to the municipality, provided 24 hours' notice is previously given.

(*d*) If water is allowed to run to waste after the owner or occupier has been warned against allowing such waste by a printed or a written notice of six hours or such shorter period as the President or Vice-President deems fit.

(*e*) In any case of broken pipes or fittings causing loss of water likely to cause damage to property when such written notice as may be possible shall be given.

(*f*) In any case of refusal to allow the President, Vice-President or their authorised agent to enter on any land or building for the purpose of inspecting service pipes, fittings, etc., after a day's notice.

24. The Rules 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 20 stated above shall apply to public street fountains which have been or may be allowed to be erected at the expense of the private individuals for dedication to public use and such fountains shall be further subject to the following conditions :—

(*a*) That their number is strictly restricted by the *bona fide* public requirements of particular localities which shall be decided by the Municipal Council.

(*b*) That they are not placed closer to any other public fountain than the minimum prescribed distance of 200 feet.

(*c*) That their free and unobstructed use at all hours by the public for the use of which they are intended, is duly safeguarded.

25. Any person whose house connection is stopped for non-payment of dues or leakage, etc., should pay a fee of Re. 1 for re-connecting the same.

26. The Municipal Council reserves to itself the power, whenever it deems fit, to alter or modify the foregoing rules or to abolish altogether the system of house connections established thereunder or to stop or to reduce the supply to any private attachment or any public fountain without assigning any reason whatsoever.

27. Any person infringing any of these bye-laws shall be liable to be punished with a fine not exceeding fifty rupees on conviction before a Magistrate.

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